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FOR COMMERCE - BIC/MEPD - JAY SMITH

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SUBJ: GOM TECHNICAL MISSION TO STUDY SUBURBAN TRAIN SYSTEMS

REF: (A) MEXICO 1821, (B) SMITH-PARSONS TELCON MARCH 11, 1976

1. EMBASSY TCO HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN APPROVAL OF DETAILED PLAN OF US. VISIT OF SUBJECT MISSION FROM LUIS GOMEZ Z., GENERAL MANAGER OF NATIONAL RAILROADS OF MEXICO (N DE M). USG WAS EARLIER VERABALLY CHIDED BY GOMEZ Z. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH TCO FOR NOT PAYING FOR TRIP AS ARE JAPANESE (N DE M MISSION LEAVES MARCH 15 FOR TWO WEEK TRIP TO JAPAN) AND AS WILL FRENCH, WHO ARE CURRENTLY SETTING UP DETAILS OF THAT TRIP. GOMEZ Z. OBSERVED THAT USG IS CONTINUALLY SHACKLING ITSELF AND PLACING ITSELF AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE OVERSEAS FINANCIAL DEALINGS OF MAJOR US. CORPORATIONS QUOTE WHICH CANNOT HELP BUT HURT US. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND PRESTIGE. END QUOTE.

2. COMPOSITION OF MISSION WILL BE: ING. ALEJANDRO DIAZ C., DEPUTY MANAGER FOR MOTOR POWER AND ROLLING STOCK; ING. EDUARDO HARFUCH K., CHIEF, TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT: ING. FRANCISCO RAMIREZ A., TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT AND ING. FELIPE OLIVARES E., TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY TCO EDMUND M. PARSONS WILL ACCOMPANY GROUP ADDITION OF DIAZ REPRESENTS AND UPGRADING
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OF LEVEL OF MISSION - HE IS THIRD LEVEL MANAGEMENT

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UNDER ONLY THE GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPUTY GENERAL
MANAGER. HE WILL NOT BE GOING TO JAPAN BUT INSTEAD
WILL BE IN SWITZERLAND DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

3. N DE M APPROVED SCHEDULE AND TRANSPORTATION
ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOW. PLEASE NOTE THAT ARRIVAL IN
SAN FRANCISCO IS OVER EASTER WEEKEND. ALSO JIM HAYNES,
GENERAL MANAGER FOR OPERATIONS OF THE GREATER SAN
FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (415) 392-4511 HAS
OFFERED ASSISTANCE AS HAS HENRY PITTS, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF PAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (415) 392-4511
IN SAN FRANCISCO, FORMER COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN
AMERICAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY. NOTE ALSO THAT GE
REQUESTED VISIT TO ERIE APRIL 24-25 AND GM
REQUESTED RIDE APRIL 28 NEWARK-HARRISBURG. REQUEST
THAT COMMERCE ASK GM TO FURNISH HARRISBURG-NEW YORK
TRAVEL MORNING THURSDAY, APRIL 29, AND THAT BOTH
GE AND GM SUBSIDIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES
RESULTING DEVIATION OF BASIC JOURNEY AT THEIR REQUEST.
ALSO, ANY FURTHER ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
IN CHICAGO WELCOMED TO SCHEDULE. ALSO, EMBASSY
CONTINUES TO FEEL IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT ALL
REPEAT ALL POTENTIAL US. SUPPLIERS TO N DE M FOR
THIS PROJECT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF MISSION.

4. EMBASSY WELCOMES COMMERCE REACTION TO SCHEDULE.
IF IT IS SATISFACTORY, EMBASSY WILL ASSUME THAT
HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND DETAILED CITY SCHEDULES WILL
BE PREPARED BY COMMERCE AND COORDINATED BY BIC/MEPD.

5. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

LEAVE MEXICO CITY
ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO
VISIT: BART
ROHR INDUSTRIES (DISCUSSIONS)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
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LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO
ARRIVE PUEBLO, COLORADO
VISIT: DOT HIGH SPEED GROUND
TRANSPORTATION TEST CENTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

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LEAVE PUEBLO, COLORADO
ARRIVE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
VISIT: BURLINGTON NORTHERN RR
PULLMAN STANDARD CO.
(INSPECT R-46 NY TRANSIT CARS) (POSSIBLE
DISCUSSION ST. LOUIS CARBUILDING CO)
GENERAL MOTORS PLANT, LA GRANGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

LEAVE CHICAGO
ARRIVE ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
VISIT: GENERAL ELECTRIC PLANT

SUNDAY, PARIL 25

LEAVE ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.
VISIT: METRO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

LEAVE WASHINGTON, D.C. (BY METROLINER)
ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA
VISIT: LINDENWALL COMPUTER LINE (POSSIBLE
DISCUSSION BUDD CO. AND BOEING CO.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

LEAVE PHILADELPHIA (BY METROLINER)
ARRIVE NEWARK
LEAVE NEWARK (BY GM POWERED FREIGHT TRAIN)
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ARRIVE HARRISBURG

THURSDAY, PARIL 29

LEAVE HARRISBURG
ARRIVE NEW YORK
VISIT: PATH
MTA
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD

SATURDAY, MAY 1

LEAVE NEW YORK (BY TURBOTRAIN)
ARRIVE BOSTON

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SUNDAY, MAY 2

LEAVE BOSTON
ARRIVE MEXICO CITY

6. PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION:

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

LV MEX 0900 WA 604
ARR LAAX 1035
LV LAX 1240 WA 723
ARR SFO 1345

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

LV SFO 0805 TW 810
ARR DEN 1120
LV DEN 1158 FL 568
ARR PUB 1236

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

LV PUB 1616 FL 694
ARR DEN 1715
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SATURDAY, APRIL 24

LV ORD 1045 AL 909
ARR PIT 1300
LV PIT 1330 AL 481
ARR ERI 1403

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

LV ERI 1308 AL 584
ARR PHL 1405
LV PHL 1510 EA 553
ARR IAD 1609

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

LV WASH, D.C. - 8 AM METROLINER
ARR PHILADELPHIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

LV PHILADELPHIA - 9 AM METROLINER
ARR NEWARK
LV NEWARK - GM POWERED FREIGHT TRAIN
ARR HARRISBURG

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

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ARR NEW YORK
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SATURDAY, MAY 1

LV NEW YORK - 10 AM TURBOTRAIN
ARR BOSTON

SUNDAY, MAY 2
LV BOS 1330 AA 249
ARR DFW 1742
LV DFW 1840 AA 140
ARR MEX 1102
THOMPSON

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